

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
18 September, 1974

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9:15 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
 Hon. Jane O. Dart
 Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith
 Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.
 Hon. George A. Weymouth

Staff Present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
 Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
 Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
 Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
 Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
 Mrs. Nancy N. Lusher
 Mr. David L. Miller

National Capital Planning
Commission Staff Present: Mr. Edward Hromanick

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of next meetings: 16 October, 1974 and 20 November, 1974.

B. Minutes of the August 14, 1974 meeting were approved.

C. Federal Advisory Committees Act compliance - Report. The Secretary told the Members of his discussions during the previous month with the Office of Management and Budget and the Justice Department in an effort to get an exact ruling as to whether the Federal Advisory Committees Act applied to operation of the Commission of Fine Arts. Though the Justice Department advised the Act was applicable to the Commission, the Office of Management and Budget felt that such applicability was unclear. Further, since the OMB is legally responsible for actions by the Commission of Fine Arts they had suggested that the Commission operate as it best saw fit until further questions might be answered - with OMB taking responsibility for any challenges to the Commission's procedure. The Secretary further informed the Members that he was in the process of contracting for consultant legal services through a procedure established by the Department of the Interior, advisor to the Commission's fiscal affairs. The Members encouraged further efforts to obtain professional legal aid. The Chairman suggested that any further study include the proposition that the Commission's deliberations are much similar to those of a jury and that every opportunity should be sought to protect this free

exchange and discussion between staff and members, within the limits of proper legal procedure.

D. *Distribution of Commission of Fine Arts publications.* The Assistant Secretary reported that he had contacted the book buyers for the Smithsonian Shops and the National Trust Bookstore and that both had agreed to carry Commission of Fine Arts publications for public sale. All publications are available through the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, as well. He also mentioned the Commission's usual policy of transmitting about 200 copies of each new publication to various schools, libraries, government officials, and organizations dealing with architecture, planning, preservation, and history.

E. *Trees in Lafayette Park - Report.* The Secretary showed the Members a landscape plan for the square showing proposed additional tree planting which would be under contract in the near future. He pointed out that the east-west axis of the park, which had questionable historical and design validity was being softened to re-emphasize the north-south axis running from Sixteenth Street to the White House. He pointed out that the two grass areas on the east and west sides of the central axis were being retained since they had become popular congregating spots for park users. The Commission generally agreed to the National Park Service's efforts on behalf of the park, but suggested that coordination between the National Park Service and the District of Columbia Department of Highways should be further encouraged. Though all of the interior park trees would be National Park Service jurisdiction, the street trees lining the perimeter of the park are a potentially uncoordinated Highway Department responsibility.

F. *H.R. 343, 93rd Congress, "to Authorize the Erection of a Memorial to the 101st Airborne Division in Washington, D.C.",* resubmission of H.R. 8377, 92nd Congress. The Secretary told the Members that the Commission had recommended against the previous bill on the basis of its creating a monument to an individual military unit. This long-standing Commission policy was confirmed for this reintroduced version of the original bill.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

A. National Park Service, National Capital Parks

Fort Circle Park System Shelter, Signs, and Lampposts - Revised Designs. The Assistant Secretary presented a model and drawings showing the site arrangements of various park facilities in this park including picnic benches, picnic shelters, playground equipment, light posts, and signs. The revised design followed standard National Park Service schemes and eliminated a heavy concrete sign pole base which the Commission had

found objectionable at the August meeting. The drinking fountain had been redesigned to eliminate a similar heavy concrete base. The new design which had a simple circular column shape with a tapered section seemed more appropriate to the Members. The light posts were shown in catalogues from the manufacturer. These seemed far better in proportion to the Members than the previous presentation which had been drawn out of scale.

The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model for the picnic shelter saying that the staff had had an interim meeting with the architect to assist him in interpreting the Commission's previous action. He pointed out that the space-frame-plastic-skylighted structure had the side panel soffits removed to further expose the structure and that the lower roof level was now solid rather than plastic. The Commission examined the model finding that efforts to salvage the original design were not particularly successful. Mr. Stone stated that the structure would probably be only 50% usable in the rain because of its design and that it was far more complicated and expensive than he felt was necessary from his park design experience. The other members generally felt that the solutions for Anacostia Park presented at the August meeting were far more successful as picnic shelters.

B. D.C. Government, Department of Highways and Traffic

Channelization of Union Station Plaza. The Assistant Secretary presented a series of drawings and photographs, some current and some from the station's early years. These depicted the original design, the existing conditions, and a tentative proposal for modifying the plaza to accommodate an increased traffic volume for the Bicentennial year. The Highway Department had indicated that it would submit alternative plans for these revisions to the Commission for advice at its next meeting. The Assistant Secretary told of meetings between himself and the Secretary, the National Capital Planning Commission staff, the Highway Department, and the National Park Service. All of these resulted from a Landmarks Committee meeting where an original proposal from the Highway Department so outraged that Committee and the Commission's staff that restudy and review of the design were suggested at an inter-staff level. This original scheme centered around a series of large pear-shaped traffic islands which were to be "landscaped" with flowering trees and bushes. The eventual scheme would have little relation to the urban plaza as originally designed by the architect, Daniel Burnham. Though traffic improvement was generally accepted as a critical need for the plaza, the consensus at staff level was that all changes should be very sympathetic to the original design, the historic character, and the paved urbane aspect of the plaza intended and existing.

The Chairman and Mr. Stone felt that the huge quantities of paving

in the plaza, though urbane and successful in European examples, could be inhumane in Washington's climate, and that well-designed alternatives should be fairly examined at the next meeting.

The Secretary told the Commission that there was a controversy about the Union Station building as well. He stated that the Visitors' Center staff of the Department of the Interior, who were under contract for the construction and renovation of the station, and AMTRAK, the current railroad user of the station, were in disagreement over the space allotment originally agreed upon. Since the signing of the original contract to move most rail ticket facilities to a new area behind the station near the Visitors' Center parking garage, the "Energy Crisis" had emerged and railroad travel had been on the increase. As such the Secretary pointed out some rethinking was in order even though construction was under way.

The Commission suggested that the architect-consultant in charge of the Visitors' Center construction be charged with a resolution of the design of the Plaza. The Secretary agreed to find a way to pass this suggestion on.

C. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

1. Engine Company No. 2 Replacement, 6th & F Streets, N.W. The Secretary presented this two-floor concrete fire station with garage space on the first floor and dormitory space on the second floor. The project was proposed for a site within the master plan area of Judiciary Square. The plan called for a multi-story office-type structure for this site and the architects had proposed a firehouse which was sufficiently strong and properly designed to support one end of such an office structure above its roof. With a model, photographs, and drawings, the Secretary showed how the project related to the Judiciary Square and cautioned about the potential noise factor from the firehouse which could have an adverse effect on the court area.

The Members examined the material finding the architectural character of the proposed building quite nice, though the program was unique for a firehouse. The Chairman suggested that the firehouse activity need not be disruptive to its immediate surroundings. The other Members agreed that any question as to suitability of the site should best be taken up by the National Capital Planning Commission. Further discussion was held later in the meeting with project representatives.

2. Burrville School Replacement, Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E. - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model for this new elementary school which would be large in scale and include various community and adult services. He recounted the previous submission of this project at which the Commission had no

objection to the exterior design nor to the siting of the proposed school, but had disapproved the design on the basis of the large inhumane classroom spaces and a large under-building play space because of their potential environmental problems. The revision provided a small light court through the center of the building to give interior natural illumination to class areas and through to the ground level covered play area. Mr. Roche in particular had suggested that such an addition could help with the livability of the building, particularly since it was a "windowless" school design.

The Assistant Secretary also pointed out that some questions were emerging about the "windowless" concept with respect to energy use - the impossibility of obtaining fresh air naturally, and the requirement for total artificial illumination. He pointed out that there were psychological as well as energy conservation aspects to the problem and that current school design also included very large-scale buildings and rooms for elementary children - perhaps another environmental-psychological problem. He recounted the Commission's active role in the past ten years leading to an increased freedom of school design and a higher exterior architectural quality.

The Members generally agreed that the architect had taken all of their previous suggestions, and that no overall design policy questions were appropriate with respect to this project. They agreed that rooftop play spaces should be encouraged and that exterior windows, no matter what the vandalism problems, should be recalled as a part of school design. Mr. Stone suggested that school design could not go on as if there were unlimited energy available. Further discussion was held later in the meeting with project representatives.

3. D.C. Courthouse Facility, Indiana Avenue and C Street, N.W. - Final Design. The Secretary presented this revised and refined version of a scheme reluctantly approved by the Commission in a previous meeting. Primary differences shown by the drawings were aligned stone jointing, window detailing refinements, and modification to the central pavillion. This central area, situated between two solid blocks of courtrooms and offices had been previously shown as all glass. The new submission showed several horizontal stone bands running across this link, topped by a glass wall and a skylight. The Commission felt that the revisions helped the building's design, and held further discussion with project representatives later in the meeting.

D. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. SL 75-9, Porter Street, Williamsburg Lane, and Klinge Road, N.W., ten single-family, three-story, detached dwellings. The Assistant Secretary presented a series of drawings and photographs showing free-

standing natural finish wood-sided houses ranged around a hilltop so as to minimize their impact on the adjacent edge of Rock Creek Park. All parking would be consolidated to prevent individual driveway cuts into the heavily wooded landscape. The Members suggested that landscaping be used to screen the underside of the houses, which were partly on stilts because of the steep hillside. The Commission recommended that the permit for the project be issued.

2. SL 74-76, 3800 Linnean Avenue, N.W., Embassy of the Hungarian People's Republic, landscaping and material samples. The Secretary presented landscape plans and a rough board finish concrete sample for this project which had been previously approved by the Commission. The Commission examined the concrete with its exposed form-board design and felt that it was too crude for this design and location. They suggested that a more refined limestone finish be examined. The landscaping plan was examined with the suggestion that the tree planting be less formal without following the lot lines. Mr. Stone pointed out that the lovely landscape of the area would be given no advantage by this arbitrary lot line definition. The Commission concurred that the landscaping should be restudied and that another material should be considered. Exhibit 1.

3. Appendix 1, approved.

Old Georgetown Act

1. Georgetown University Student Residences, Preliminary Submission. The Assistant Secretary presented several drawings and an aerial photograph showing this cluster of apartment or townhouse-style student suites to be located in the mid-campus. The complex would be three- and four-stories with brick vertical bay units ranged around a series of courtyards. The material and window shape would be similar to those adjacent. The Old Georgetown Board had examined the scheme and found no objection to it, though they felt that further site study with a model would be desirable. The Commission had no objection to the way this design was progressing. The University had indicated that it would present more definitive designs for the October meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts.

2. Appendix 2, approved.

E. The White House

Proposed Swimming Pool. The Secretary told the Commission of two staff meetings with members of the White House staff and the National Park Service to determine the best site and design approach for a new White House Swimming Pool. The most logical site seemed to be just south of the West Wing, cut into a landscape berm and roofed over with lawn except for a translucent skylight and an open-cut patio recessed to the level and opening from the pool. The landscape solution would have little or no visual impact from off the White House grounds and a minor impact

from on the grounds. An appointment had been made for the Members to visit the site and examine the plans later in the meeting.

III. INTERVIEWS

A. National Park Service, National Capital Parks

Fort Circle Park System Shelter, Signs, and Lampposts - Revised Designs. The project was represented by Mr. Robert Romanowski of the National Park Service and Mr. Louis E. Fry, Jr., the consultant architect. The Chairman expressed the Commission's approval of the redirected design efforts for the light posts, drinking fountains, trash cans, and signs. He also expressed basic approval of the distribution patterns of the park elements being considered as shown in the landscape plan.

The Chairman also asked Mr. Fry to discuss his revisions to the shelter design which had been disapproved at the last meeting. Mr. Fry described the removal of a series of soffit panels which concealed the truss-space frame structure and removal of part of the plastic roof in favor th solid panels for the perimeter of the shelter. After several questions and some discussion, the Members generally agreed that they felt a restudy of the shelter was in order. Mr. Fry was given suggestions for simpler, less expensive, and lighter type of structure, which he agreed to study for the next meeting. Exhibit 2.

B. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

1. Engine Company No. 2 Replacement, 6th & F Streets, N.W. The project was represented by Mr. Charles R. Pavlick of the D.C. Government and Mr. David H. Condon, the consultant architect. The Chairman expressed the Commission's approval of the architectural designs, saying that the Commission hoped all possible site study considerations were being given to the project. Since the project had a potential adverse effect on Judiciary Square and the Judiciary Square Master Plan, the Chairman suggested that the National Capital Planning Commission take careful note of the proposed site in terms of other available sites within the immediate area. The Fire Company building plans, however, were approved. Exhibit 3.

2. Burrville School Replacement, Division Avenue & Hayes Street, N.E. - Resubmission. Mr. Charles R. Pavlick represented the District Government for this project as did Mr. Frank G. West, Jr., consultant architect. Mr. West described to the Commission his efforts at accommodating their previous suggestions in his design. The Chairman expressed the Commission's approval of the architectural designs and their appreciation for the architect's efforts at cooperation. The Chairman and Members also expressed interest in seeing some of the D.C. School Board design requirements re-examined in terms of energy use and utilization of roof-tops, fresh air, and natural illumination. Mr. Pavlick

said that he would pass the Commission's suggestion along to the School Board.

Exhibit 3 & 4.

3. D.C. Courthouse Facility, Indiana Avenue & C Street, N.W. - Final Designs. The project was represented by Mr. Charles R. Pavlick and Mr. Mike Heiserman of the District Government and Mr. Tom Bear, a member of the architect's staff. The Commission asked Mr. Bear several questions about the articulation of masonry elements above the north entrance of this building then expressed their approval of the refinement efforts. The Chairman indicated that the Commission would like to see working drawings for the project when developed and that they would also follow landscape planning with great interest. The Members indicated a particular interest in developing a symmetrically compatible scheme with the existing Municipal Center Building across the John Marshall Place axis.

Exhibit 3.

C. The White House

Proposed Swimming Pool. The Commission Members went to the White House accompanied by the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary where they were met by Rex Scouten, the head White House usher and several other members of the White House Staff including Mr. Ron Dickson, an architect from the Park Service. The Commission was escorted through the West Wing where they had an opportunity to inspect the Oval Office, Conference Room, Cabinet Room, and several other spaces and to see various works of art and furnishings. Then they went out onto the south grounds of the White House and inspected the plans and proposed site for the pool.

The Chairman suggested that the Commission inspect all of the potential sites for the pool, which they did, confirming the site just south of the Oval Office. In studying the contours of several carefully articulated grass mounds adjacent to the site the Commission suggested that all efforts be made to preserve the existing contours. The Chairman directed the Commission Staff to do some research into the origin of the mounds and south lawn landscape designs.

With respect to the interior of the pool area the Commission suggested a simplification of the stepped, boxed planting areas shown in the drawings. Mr. Stone suggested that the outdoor area have a simple garden wall design rather than the terraced stepped planting areas shown. Mrs. Smith suggested that planting within the pool area be contained in tubs or planters rather than perimeter garden areas or terraces. Mr. Scouten said that further design details would be sent to the Commission when developed.

The Commission toured the main rooms of the White House on their way out, stopping to inspect various paintings on the way. Exhibit 5.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Atherton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

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10 October, 1974

Dear Mr. Pifer:

In regard to SL 74-76, Embassy of the Hungarian People's Republic, at 3800 Linnean Avenue, N.W., the Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on September 18, 1974, approved samples of sawn limestone as the exterior material. The landscaping plans were generally approved, with the exception of the rows of trees of trees on the east property line. We recommend that they be grouped together more informally so as not to emphasize the site boundaries. Please give us a call if there are any questions regarding the Commission's action.

Sincerely yours,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Ernest L. Pifer
Acting Chief
Permit Branch
D.C. Department of Economic Development
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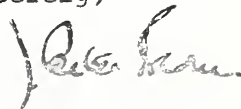
October 4, 1974

Dear Mr. Stanton:

We reconsidered the design of several elements of the Fort Circle Park System at our meeting on September 18, 1974.

We liked the new sketches for the signs, lamp posts, and drinking fountains, but we found the picnic pavillions still too heavy and cumbersome. We would like to see a new design. As we mentioned in our letter of August 30, 1974, we like very much the scheme for the Anacostia Park pavillions, but we do not suggest that the architect for this commission follow the same design. If he could attain some of the same attributes, however, so much the better.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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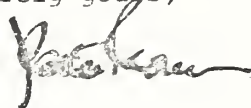
Dear Mr. Starobin:

This is to confirm the approval on September 18, 1974 of the designs for Engine Company No. 2 Replacement at 6th and F Streets, N.W., the Burrville School Replacement at Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E., and the D.C. Courthouse Facility at Indiana Avenue and C Street, N.W.

We have reservations about our approval of the Burrville School. As you know, we were concerned about the large covered play space at the grade level and its lack of natural light. The courtyard helps somewhat and in this case we can approve the design. We would hope that such a policy for building large covered play areas in the future be reviewed. To make them vacant floors of buildings is not, in our opinion, the answer.

In regard to the Engine Company No. 2 Replacement, which is a small part of a larger building, I hope the District Government is serious in its commitment towards completing the development of the entire block. It is a questionable location for a fire company to begin with, and the Commission based its approval on its inclusion in the total block.

Sincerely yours,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Sam D. Starobin
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October 15, 1974

Dear Mrs. Sizemore:

In recent years the Commission of Fine Arts has been gratified by the improved design quality and program facility advances in the D.C. schools. As part of this continuing effort the Commission of Fire Arts approved revised designs for the Burrville Elementary School Replacement at Division Avenue and Hayes Street, N.E. at its meeting on September 18, 1974. During its deliberations and discussions with representatives of the Department of General Services it became apparent that large-scale windowless schools, though defensible from the point of vandalism, may develop adverse psychological scale and design problems far beyond those ever known with traditional schools. Furthermore, the Commission noted that school design totally relying on artificial illumination, heating and ventilation could only be predicated on an unlimited energy supply that we now know does not exist. The Department of General Services has led us to understand that the Department of Education program criteria currently make it difficult for imaginative solutions dealing with classroomless space capable of being naturally ventilated and achieving at least some measure of natural illumination. The Commission also noted that many elementary school sites are extremely tight, allowing very little exterior play, recreation, and landscape space. Our hope is that the School Board would see fit to utilize rooftops in some of the more constricted urban areas as organized recreation space.

Though the Commission is not recommending that the School Board open a Pandora's box of unprogrammed school design, we would certainly hope that the School Board would take every opportunity to utilize the Commission's services in developing a new flexibility which may achieve more efficient energy conservation and site utilization without turning a fortress-like, impenetrable back to the community.

Exhibit 4.

The Commission of Fine Arts normally meets on a monthly schedule. My staff and I are available to assist you at your convenience, and are willing to try to make whatever contributions you would feel helpful in developing a humane and effective D.C. School program.

SIGNED

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mrs. Barbara Sizemore
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9 October, 1974

Memo for the Record

Subject: White House Swimming Pool

*Present at the Meeting: Rex Scouten, White House Head Usher
Ron Dickson, Architect, National Park Service
Dr. G. C. Szego, InterTechnology Corporation
Donald B. Myer
Charles H. Atherton*

Mr. Scouten explained that Dr. Szego was proposing a scheme for heating and cooling the proposed White House Swimming Pool through the use of solar radiation. Dr. Szego then explained his proposal, which consisted of a field of glass panels, sawtoothed in rows with the panel faces at 60° angles. The panels would stick up about three feet, in full view, and would be made of highly reflective materials. The field extended over the roof of the White House underground Mess westward to the dog kennels, and south to the northern edge of the swimming pool. Both Myer and I reacted with dismay. We pointed out that despite the energy crisis this was hardly the place to cover over such an extensive portion of the White House Grounds immediately outside of offices in the West Wing. Mr. Scouten thanked us warmly for giving him our reactions, and we got the impression that he was greatly relieved that he could use our views in killing the proposal.

Signed,



*Charles H. Atherton
Secretary*

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

18 September, 1974

PROJECT

ADDRESS AND OWNER

SL 75-
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1724 Portal Drive, N.W.
LeRoy Lowery III

Two-story brick veneer and redwood residence.

ACTION: Issue permit. Submit material sample for approval prior to construction. 8/15/74

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25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Nine-story office building, faced with white marble with dark grey duranodic window frames and grey light reflective glass.

ACTION: Approved as preliminary design. Request submission of working drawings for inspection prior to issuance of building permit. Request material sample. 8/27/74

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

18 September, 1974

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 75-19	1201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Riggs National Bank	Install two cast bronze plaques 24" x 30" on each side of main entrance - one faces M Street, one faces Wisconsin.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/23/74	
20	1420 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Simon Krupsaw	Replace two front windows 90" x 120" in order to repair rotted wood sill. Replace in new aluminum molding, black.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Material not clear; does proposal include replacing two or four show windows? Recommend that windows in front and in entrance match and that they be trimmed in wood. No objection to repairing existing. 8/23/74	
21	1408 35th Street, N.W. Nan Tucker McEvoy	Repair roof, alter interior partitions, enclose second floor porch with windows and wall.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to concept. Request clarification of exactly what is proposed. Suggest full side elevation to show new wall area in relation to existing. Question use of non-matching sash. 8/23/74	
22	1365 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Peter Chaconas	One sign erected on post in concrete 8' above sidewalk (resubmission refer to OG 75-15).
ACTION:	Issue permit for sign mounted on two poles 6" above awning facing O Street. 8/21/74	
23	3131 P Street, N.W. Nicholas H. Zumas	Renovation of porch, one-story addition, reworking rear wall, reworking some interior walls.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to concept, but request additional information. Request photo from street and sketch side elevation. Is fixed glass opening on side of dining room existing or proposed? Indicate fence material and design. Is new work to be painted brick? 8/23/74	
24	1218 31st Street, N.W. John Snyder	Installation of exterior sign (resubmission refer to OG 75-12).
ACTION:	Issue permit for sign centered over door. 8/23/74	

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
OG 75-25	1517 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Silhouette Boutique, Ltd.	Temporary facade with mirror and glass.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Proposal is out of character with this building. Recommend restudy. 8/23/74	
26	1400 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Carry Savage	Awning over show windows.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Awnings not recommended for this building because of its particular architectural character. 9/6/74	
27	1218 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Third Edition, Inc.	Four window awning on second floor window (front).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. This type and shape awning is wholly unsuited to the character of this building and the Georgetown historic district. 9/6/74	
28	3214 Volta Place, N.W. Byron Redmon	Replace wood front deck (no roof).
ACTION:	Issue permit provided vertical balusters are evenly spaced per requirement of D.C. Codes. Recommend against intermediate horizontal members. 9/6/74	
29	1351 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Georgetown Theater, Inc.	Install three air conditioning units on existing I-beam supports.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/6/74	
30	3139 M Street, N.W. Big Cheese	Erect sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to size or location of sign. Use of barn siding and yellow plastic material wholly unsuited to present character of building. Suggest painted wood sign with perimeter molding. 9/6/74	
31	3614 Prospect Street, N.W. Northmont Homes, Inc.	Add enclosed pool to rear of existing building (resubmission refer to OG 75-17).
ACTION:	Issue permit provided corner pole lamps of terrace are eliminated and "evergreen" planting, perhaps with a small retaining wall, is included to screen bottom of pool area. 9/6/74	

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OG 75-32	1209 31st Street, N.W. Booked Up	Canvas awning over window (resubmission refer to OG 75-2).
ACTION:	Issue permit provided awning is fastened below and not over cornice molding trim. 9/6/74	
37	1525 26th Street, N.W. Donald Creed	Provide addition to rear as per plans.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to addition. Recommend restudy of roof profile, scale, and vertical alignment relationship between first and second floors. Shape, proportion, and size of second floor window not recommended. 9/6/74	
38	3131 P Street, N.W. Nicholas H. Zumas	Reworking rear wall and some interior walls (resubmission refer to OG 75-23).
ACTION:	Issue permit. Suggest boxing in flue. 9/6/74	
39	1408 35th Street, N.W. Nan Tucker McEvoy	Enclose second floor porch, repair roof, alter window (resubmission refer to OG 75-21).
ACTION:	Issue permit subject to engineering and zoning review. Suggest additional casement on second floor between two shown, making a "band of glass". 9/6/74	

